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SUBJ: OPERATION AUTHENTIC ASSISTANCE-MAURITANIA

A. AMEMBASSY BAMA KO 3012, 270930Z SEP 73

B. AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT 903, 291200Z SEP 73

C. AMEMBASSY BAMA KO 3051, 011210Z OCT 73

D. AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT 909, 011745Z OCT 73

E. AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT 910, 011830Z OCT 73

F. SECSTATE 195742, 022028Z OCT 73

G. USCINCRD 022130Z OCT 73

1. REF A. PROPOSED OPERATION AUTHENTIC ASSISTANCE PLAN-  
MAURITANIA. REF B. EXPERIENCED AIR MAURITANIA PILOT BELIEVES WITH  
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NORMAL OPERATIONS NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT CONTINUING, ONLY ENOUGH RAMP

AREA FOR THREE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. REF C. GIRM MUST SUBMIT FORMAL REQUEST AND COME TO AGREEMENT WITH GOM BEFORE USAF C-130 OPERATIONS CAN STAGE FROM BAMAKO IN SUPPORT OF MAURITANIA OPERATION. REF D. FRENCH SINGLE NORD ATLAS IS OPERATING AND WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM NOUAKCHOTT TO NEMA EACH DAY CARRYING 2.9 METRIC TONS. GERMAN C-160 ESTIMATED TO RESUME AIRLIFT FROM NOUAKCHOTT 10 OCT FOR 15 DAYS WITH FURTHER C-160 TO FOLLOW-ON FOR ADDITIONAL 15 DAYS. LIB- RYA C-130 WILL DEPART 5 OCT. HOWEVER, ANOTHER C-130 COULD ARRIVE AFTER 5 OCT. REF E. CONCLUDED OPERATION SHOULD START ASAP WITH ONE USAF C-130 BASED NOUAKCHOTT AND MOVE LATER TO DAKAR IF OPERATION PROVES UNFEASIBLE. REF F. CONCURS WITH REF E ABOVE. REQUEST ACFT BE ASSIGNED TO AUTHENTIC ASSISTANCE COMMAND AND PERMITTED TO LAND BAMAKO FOR ONE DAY ORIENTATION OF FLIGHT CREW WITH NOUAKCHOTT AS FINAL DESTINATION. FURTHER REQUESTS MAURITANIAN AIRLIFT BE GIVEN PRIORITY AND IN THE EVENT OF MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS OF NOUAKCHOTT BASED ACFT THAT REPLACEMENT BE PROVIDED FROM BAMAKO. AID/W PREPARED TO EXTEND MALI AIRLIFT, IF NECESSARY, FOR EQUIVALENT TIME BAMAKO BASED ACFT DIVERTED TO MAURITANIA AIRLIFT. REF G. JCS APPROVAL FOR MAURITANIA AIRLIFT OPERATIONS EXPECTED SHORTLY WITH ONE C-130 ARRIVING BAMAKO O/A 7 OCT TO OPERATE FROM NOUAKCHOTT TO NEMA, AIOUN AND KIFFA.

2. JTF COMMANDER IS PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN MAURITANIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFS E, F., AND G. HOWEVER, GIRM MUST SUBMIT AND RECEIVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM GOM BEFORE BAMAKO BASED OPERATIONS CAN SUPPORT MAURITANIA OPERATION. TO ESTABLISH NOUAKCHOTT BASED OPERATIONS, JTF CDR AND BAMAKO MSN CDR WILL ACCOMPANY MAURITANIA DEDICATED C-130 TO NOUAKCHOTT FROM BAMAKO TO REVIEW SUPPORT FACILITIES/OPERATION AND FLY FIRST GRAIN FLIGHT WITH NEW CREW TO NEMA, AIOUN AND KIFFA FOR THEIR ORIENTATION.

3. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT THE 1200 METRIC TONS REQUIREMENT CAN NOT BE AIRLIFTED BY ONE C-130 FROM NOUAKCHOTT WITHIN 30 DAYS WITH POSSIBLE RAMP AND MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS AND FUEL AND GRAIN SHORTAGES. THEREFORE, IT IS PLANNED TO AUGMENT MAURITANIA AIRLIFT WITH TWO C-130'S

FROM MALI OPERATION AFTER ITS TERMINATION TO ACCOMPLISH THE GPWPP TON GOAL. THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DEPLOYMENTS FROM CONUS. HOWEVER, IT WILL REQUIRE AGREEMENT BY GIRM FROM GOM TO OPERATE FROM BAMAKO OR GOS FROM DAKAR. REQUEST AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT UNCLASSIFIED

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4. PLAN TO TERMINATE MALI AIRLIFT 15 OCT, STAND DOWN 16 OCT AND REDEPLOY CONUS 17 OCT, UNLESS AN AGREEMENT CAN BE MADE TO OPERATE FROM

BAMAKO OR DAKAR. TIME REMAINING SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR GIRM TO RESOLVE AGREEMENTS.

5. REVISED PERSONNEL/SUPPORT FOR ONE C-130 NOUAKCHOTT BASED OPERATION IS AS FOLLOWS: ONE MISSION COMMANDER-FIVE AIRCREW MEMBERS (BASIC CREW-AC, CP, NAV, ENG AND LOADMASTER) - TWO CREW CHIEFS- ONE RADIO OPERATOR AND ONE RADIO MAINTENANCE MAN WITH MRC 108 TO INCLUDE TRAILER AND GENERATOR-ONE COMMUNICATOR/TYPIST-AND ONE FLIGHT NURSE-TOTAL 12. PLAN TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FROM BAMAKO UNTIL MALI AIRLIFT TERMINATES OR FROM DAKAR IF AUGMENTED OPERATION MOVES THERE. WILL REQUIRE ONE DASH 60 POWER CART AT NOUAKCHOTT. REQUEST FOR SELECTIVE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE MESSAGE TOMORROW.

6. FOR AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT: IN PLANNING FOR TWO USAF C-130 MISSIONS (SHUTTLES) EACH DAY FROM NOUAKCHOTT TO NEMA AND AIOUN OR KIFFA, FUEL REQUIREMENT WILLBE 22,000 LITERS.  
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